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Re Application of: Arthur S. HASELTINE

Application No.: 09/752,980

Examiner: not yet known

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Art Unit: 2161

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM PROVIDING OUT-SOURCED,
MERCHANDISE RETURN SERVICES

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attn: **Box Non-Fee Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and copies of the references.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ __, for
- ☒ Other: Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept. 26, 2001

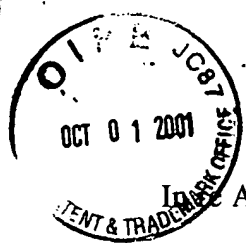
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

The enclosed references are submitted as belonging to the background of the invention. Indeed the Wall Street Journal article, dated July 17, 2000, is submitted not technically as prior art but a survey of the real world from the WSJ's perspective, circa mid-year 2000. The claimed invention is believed patentable over the enclosed references. The examiner is requested to make an independent judgment.

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